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CHILDREN IN CIRCUS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poverty-stricken children working in the Indians circus companies are exploited;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent child trafficking and child labour in which the Indian circus companies are involved?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The policy of the Government is to ban employment of children below the age of 14 years in factories, mines and hazardous employment and to regulate the working conditions of children engaged in other employments.

(c): The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children in 13 hazardous occupations and 57 processes listed in Part (a) & (b) of the Schedule to the Act. The working conditions of children have been regulated in all the employments including employment in Indian circus companies through a notification dated 26.5.1993. Responsibility for enforcement of provision of the Act lies with the State Governments/UTs.